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SUBJECT: HAGUE CONVENTION AND HIJACKING

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1. AFTER DISCUSSING PROSPECTS FOR EC-9 DISCUSSION OF
TERRORISM, MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN REFERRED TO WEEK-
END KLM HIJACKING. HE SAID GON WAS CONCERNED THAT GREEK
GOVERNMENT DID NOT ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH HAGUE CONVENTION
WHEN TWO OF THE THREE HIJACKERS WERE FLOWN TO ATHENS.
DUTCH BLIEVED GREEK AUTHORITIES SHOULD PROMPTLY HAVE
ARRESTED THEM INSTEAD OF PERMITTING THEIR RETURN TO
CYPRUS. UNFORTUNATLY, RUTTEN ADDED, DUTCH EMBASSY IN
ATHENS LEARNED OF SITUATION TOO LATE TO APPROACH GOG
SINCE HIJACKERS HAD ALREADY DEPARTED. IF GREEKS HAD
ARRESTED THEM. DUTCH WOULD HAVE SOUGHT THEIR EXTRADITION.
DUTCH UNDERSTOOD TWO HIJACKERS WERE NOW IN LEBANON,
HAVING LEFT CYPRUS BY SHIP.

2. DUTCH WERE CONCERNED HAGUE CONVENTION HAD BEEN
DISREGARDED IN THIS CASE, AS IN OTHERS, AND INTENDED
TO URGE NEED FOR PARTIES TO RESPECT THEIR OBLIGATIONS
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UNDER HAGUE CONVENTION SINCE THIS COULD HAVE IMPORTANT

DETERRENT EFFECT.

3. DCM RESPONDED THAT WASHINGTON HAS INSTRUCTED
EMBASSY IN ATHENS TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER WITH GOG ON
BASIS OF HAGUE CONVENTION BUT THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD
ARRIVED AFTER JIJACKERS RETURNED TO CYPRUS, SO THAT WE
HAD ONLY A FACTUAL REPORT ON WHAT HAD ACTUALLY OCCURRED
AT ATHENS AIRPORT, WHICH DCM BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED ON
BASIS ATHENS REPORT.
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